



Reach the Peak



California Conservation Corps and park trail crew hand place stone to reinforce switchbacks on the trail.

The Project

The Reach the Peak project is a multi-year effort to restore and rehabilitate the Lassen Peak trail. The project will work to maintain the character of the trail while taking steps to improve the visitor experience and accommodate its increasing popularity. Lassen Volcanic National Park, with the help of its partners, is determined to preserve this historic experience for the enjoyment of future generations. Together we can *Reach the Peak*.

2010 Accomplishments

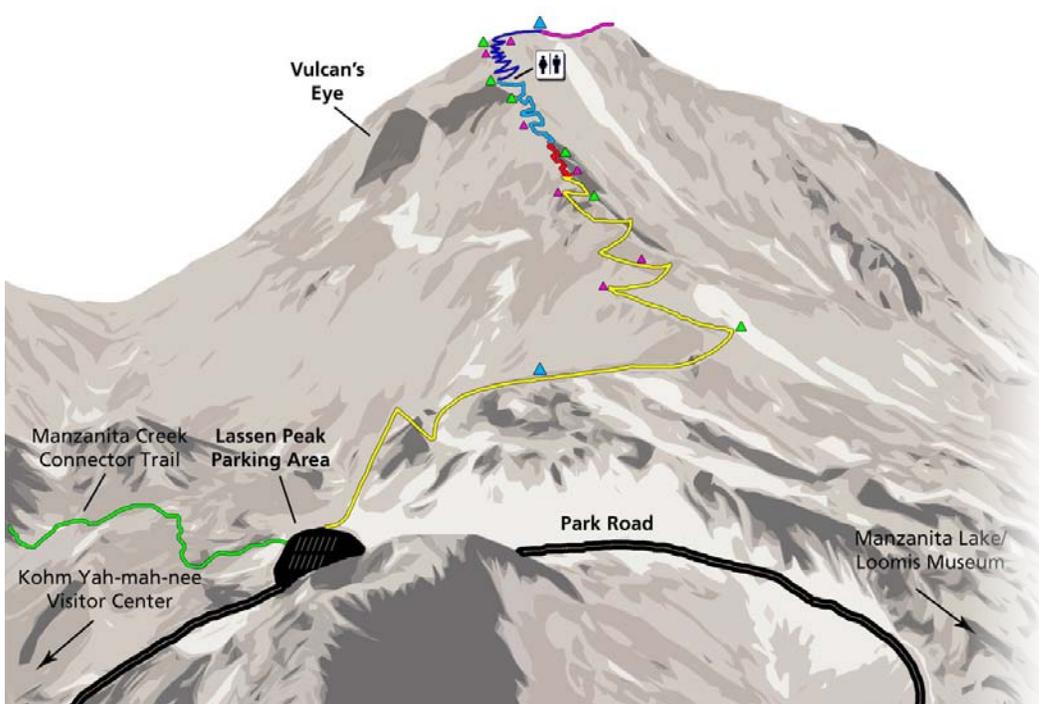
- The first year of the project involved preparing and placing materials for trail work. This included:
- Preparation of the trail to accommodate material placement and transportation.
 - Quarrying, washing and relocating 2.4 million pounds of stone to the Lassen Peak parking area.
 - Completion of the largest helicopter flight operation in park history to strategically place stone building materials along the trail.
 - Restoration of the largest step section of the trail.
 - Construction of five highly technical walls built using approximately 1,000 cubic feet of stone.

2011 Continuing Progress

- The park's trail crew is now poised to continue the restoration as soon as winter snows release their grip on the volcano. The California Conservation Corps will contribute their efforts providing two eight-day work assignments. The sole focus of efforts in 2011 will be on trail work, and include:
- Construction of 20 switchbacks.
 - Construction of an estimated 40 rock steps.
 - Reconstruction of one climbing turn.
 - Nine hundred linear feet of retaining walls will be reconstructed or built.

Interested in Donating?

Learn more about becoming a donor for the *Reach the Peak* project by visiting the Lassen Park Foundation website at www.lassenparkfoundation.org. You may also contact the foundation by mail at P.O. Box 3155, Chico, CA 95927 or by phone at (530) 898-9309.



Reach the Peak - Restoration Plan

- 2010 (Red line)
 - 2011 (Blue line)
 - 2012 (Purple line)
 - 2013 (Yellow line)
 - 2014 (Green line)
 - 2013 (construction begins) (Light Green line)
- Restroom -
 - Large Reststop -
 - Medium Reststop -
 - Small Reststop -



Hiking the Lassen Peak Trail

The Lassen Peak trail offers hikers the opportunity to climb to the top of one of the largest plug dome volcanoes in the world. Originally constructed between 1929 and 1932, the trail has provided countless visitors the chance to discover the many wonders of this active volcano. Imagine the

hikers who will follow in your footsteps as you make your way to the summit. Will they have the opportunity to experience the anticipation of reaching the summit as you have? Join the *Reach the Peak* effort to preserve this historic experience for visitors in the years to come.

About the Trail

The trail begins from the Lassen Peak parking area located 22 miles south of the Loomis Museum and seven miles from the southwest entrance. This steep trail of loose rocks may be snow-covered into early summer. Winter access requires winter backcountry travel knowledge and equipment.

You will likely encounter areas with on-going *Reach the Peak* project restoration work.

Length: 5 miles (8 km) round-trip

Elevation gain: 1,957 feet (596 m)

Time: 4-5 hours round-trip

Access to the Trail

The trail will be closed at “Grandview”, approximately 1.3 miles from the peak parking lot. Closure of the route is possible at anytime throughout the season. To provide limited access to the summit, the trail will be open to the summit on the following dates only:

JULY

1 FRI	2 SAT	3 SUN	4 MON
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AUGUST

13 SAT	14 SUN
Full Moon	

SEPTEMBER

2 FRI	3 SAT	4 SUN	5 MON
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Stay Safe

Lassen Peak trail is steep with loose rock. The trail may be snow-covered into early summer. Keep yourself safe and help protect this special trail by following a few guidelines:

- Be careful of footing when hiking on snow. Wear proper footwear and use trekking poles to help maintain balance.
- Be prepared for sudden changes in weather. Check the weather forecast before you head out. Climb peaks and ridges early in the morning. Head for lower elevation during lightning activity.
- Protect yourself against the elements. Wear sturdy boots, dress in layers and wear sunscreen. The majority of the trail is above the treeline where there is little to no shade.
- Be aware that you are hiking at high elevation. Carry at least one liter of water per person, take breaks often and do not exceed your abilities.
- Respect trail closures. They are for your safety and the safety of others.

Trail Etiquette

Help to ensure that everyone enjoys their time on the Lassen Peak trail by offering a few courtesies to your fellow hikers:

- Do not bring pets on trails. Pets are allowed only in paved areas such as campgrounds and the park road.
- Leave all rocks, plants, animals, and artifacts undisturbed for the enjoyment of future users.
- Help protect the trail for future hikers: stay on the trail and do not cut switchbacks.
- Step to the side of the trail to let others pass when appropriate.

